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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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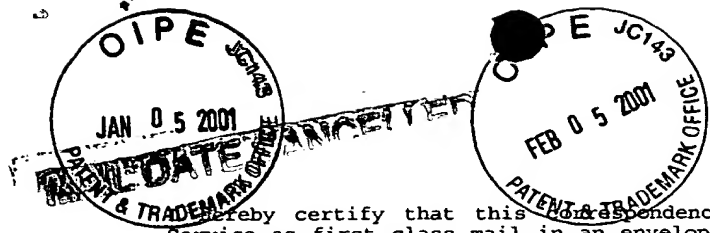
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

1 (amended). An article for use in treatment of xerostomia, comprising:

a driver assembly capable of producing a vibrating action at a drive frequency;

a stimulator assembly operatively connected to said driver assembly such that the stimulator assembly vibrates in response to operation of the driver assembly, the stimulator assembly including a stimulator member for vibrating a salivary member, wherein the vibration of the stimulator member has a frequency and amplitude, and wherein the stimulator member is so configured and arranged, having a selected height and cross-sectional area and made from a material which is sufficiently flexible, resilient and soft, that when the stimulator member is brought into contact with the salivary member [as to produce] a sufficient vibrational effect is produced on the salivary member that a significant increase in the saliva production into the oral cavity

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